

# **SB 273: THE METHAMPHETAMINE PRECURSOR CONTROL ACT**

Sponsored by Rep. John Bradley and Sen. Bill Haine

*The Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act will reduce the threat that meth labs and meth cooks pose to communities across Illinois. This legislation will impose stricter controls on the display and sale of cold and sinus products containing meth's key ingredient – pseudoephedrine (PSE).*

## ***Under the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act:***

- All cold and sinus products containing PSE (except small convenience packages) must be kept behind pharmacy counters.
- When purchasing a PSE product, a consumer does not need a prescription but must show identification and sign a confidential log.
- Without a prescription for a greater amount, a consumer may purchase no more than two packages of PSE in a single retail transaction or more than 7500 milligrams of PSE in a 30-day period. (7500 milligrams exceeds the maximum amount of PSE an adult may take in a month.)
- Away from pharmacy counters, a consumer may purchase one convenience package of up to 360 milligrams of PSE in liquid or liquid-filled capsule form in a 24-hour period. (360 milligrams exceeds the maximum amount of PSE an adult may take in a day.)
- A consumer with a prescription for PSE is not subject to the quantity limits stated above.

## ***The Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act will reduce the number of meth labs in Illinois.***

- States with similar controls on PSE products have seen dramatic declines in the number of meth labs:
  - Oklahoma: Over 60 percent reduction in the number of meth lab seizures.
  - Iowa: Over 80 percent reduction in the number of meth lab seizures.
- Reducing the number of meth labs in Illinois improves safety for all residents and helps cut off access to this highly addictive drug.

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# ILLINOIS: THE METH-INGREDIENT SHOPPING MALL OF THE MIDWEST?

In 2004, Illinois passed one of the strongest anti-meth laws in the country that provided restrictions on the sale and placement of certain types of cold and sinus products that contain meth's key ingredient, PSE. Since then, Illinois' neighboring states passed even tighter controls that require all PSE tablets to be placed behind pharmacy counters. Because of this, evidence shows that meth cooks are coming to Illinois to purchase PSE products, bringing with them other hazardous ingredients and endangering Illinois communities.

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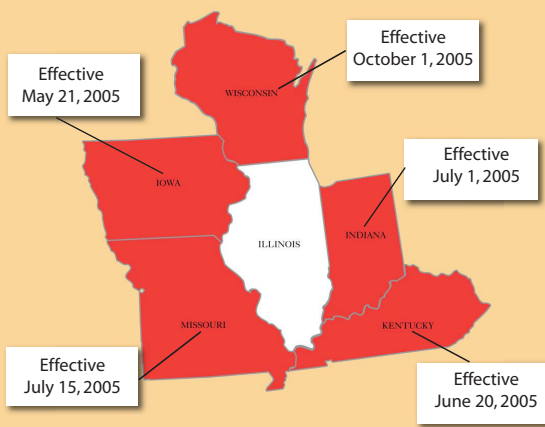


- Single active-ingredient Pseudoephedrine (PSE) tablets must be kept behind pharmacy or store counters.



- No requirement that any PSE products be kept behind pharmacy or store counters.

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- All Pseudoephedrine (PSE) tablets must be kept behind pharmacy counters.\*

\* Minor exceptions apply to PSE sold in small convenience packages. In Indiana, PSE tablets must be kept behind or directly in front of pharmacy counters (in stores with pharmacies) or behind store counters or in locked cases (in stores without pharmacies and stores with pharmacies that are closed).